Skyline of Fort Worth, home of Moslah Temple, co-host for 1972

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C. VICTOR THORNTON — HIS FAMILY

Vic's family includes his wife, Peg; Charles, a lawyer in Los Angeles; a daughter, Mrs. John J. Moorhouse (Carolyn) of Seymour, Texas; another son, David, a senior at Texas Christian University; and two grandchildren. All are members of the University Christian Church.

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To my fellow Shriners of North America:

As Potentate of Moslah Temple I am privileged to introduce to you your Imperial Potentate-Elect, C. Victor "Vic" Thornton.

Nobles everywhere know the challenge he faces as Imperial Potentate. We of Moslah Temple know equally well of his dedication to Masonry and Shrinedom...his proven abilities and his devotion to many humanitarian causes.

We know that he welcomes the challenge and opportunity to serve Shriners of North America and that he will provide leadership of which all of us will be proud.

In behalf of Moslah Temple and the eleven other temples in Texas, let me extend an invitation to visit us in 1972. You will find a real Texas welcome awaiting you.

Fraternally yours,

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Oakley Pittman, Hella Director

"C. Victor Thornton, Imperial Potentate-Elect, and His Land of Twelve Texas Temples" Film on Texas

Presentation of C. Victor Thornton and the Thornton family

Introduction of Moslah Temple Divan

Introduction of Moslah Temple Past Potentates

Introduction of Texas Temple Potentates

Presentation of Moslah Temple Units

Introduction of Director General 1972 Imperial Council Session
George Terry — Hella Temple, Dallas

Introduction of President of International Past Potentate's Association, The Cabiri
Floyd Biegert — Hella Temple, Dallas

Introduction of Moslah Temple Potentate
R. Yale Lary

Presentation by R. Yale Lary

Presentation by Al Malaikah Temple Patrol
Albert S. Greenberg, Potentate — Al Malaikah Temple, Los Angeles
Jack Davies, Captain
William Onion III, President } Al Malaikah Temple Patrol

Presentation of Imperial Potentate's Fez
Noble Charles V. Thornton III, Moslah Temple

Presentation of Imperial Potentate's Flag
Imperial Recorder George M. Saunders

Remarks and Introductions by Imperial Potentate-Elect C. Victor Thornton

Benediction by Dr. R. Bruce Brannon

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1929 Raymond Gee
1931 F. Bert Walker
1936 Clyde A. Penry
1943 Henry A. Lawrence
1946 J. M. (Star)Williams
1948 H. Ward Collier, Sr.
1949 E. Morgan Townsen
1954 Paul L. Hamilton
1955 R. M. Stovall
1956 Houston P. Hutchens
1958 Sproesser Wynn
1959 C. Victor Thornton
1960 Barney B. Parker
1961 Dr. A. Ward Hicks
1963 Robert W. Leonard
1964 Earnest E. Sanders
1965 Roy J. Brooks
1966 John C. Sikes
1967 Jimmy D. Luttrell
1968 John G. Kemmerer
1969 James L. Childs
1970 William C. Northern, Jr.

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Bruce Waitz ..... Alzafar Temple, San Antonio
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John Dieb, Colonel, Uniformed Units

C. VICTOR THORNTON

C. Victor "Vic" Thornton was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, February 8, 1915, and lived his early years in Utah and Idaho. He graduated in Civil Engineering from the University of Utah in 1935 and was employed by steel companies in Youngstown, Ohio, Washington, D. C. and Alexandria, Virginia, before founding with his younger brother, Lloyd, two steel fabricating companies, Thornton Industries, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas, in 1945 and Western Steel Company in Corpus Christi, Texas, in 1947. He is currently President and Chairman of the Board respectively of these companies and director of several Texas financial institutions. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi and a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Imperial Potentate Thornton is Past President of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club of Fort Worth, Fort Worth Chapter American Society of Civil Engineers, Texas Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute and a past director of several civic, cultural, youth and business organizations. He is currently Director of Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Trinity River Development Committee and Casa Manana Theater and member of the executive board, Longhorn Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The Imperial Sir is Past Master of Julian Feild Lodge No. 908, past president of the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Association, a member of the York Rite bodies and a 33° Scottish Rite Mason. He is Past Director, Fort Worth Court No. 32, Royal Order of Jesters, Past Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Honorary Legion of Honor of DeMolay, ~~currently~~ A PAST Sovereign of St. Timothy Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Cabiri, Quetzalcoatl and Grotto.

He was Potentate of Moslah Temple in 1959, Director General of the Texas Shrine Association in 1964 and was elected to the office of Imperial Outer Guard in New York in 1964. Committee assignments held include Hospital Budget Committee, Study Committee and Hospital Evaluation Committee among others. He was appointed in March of 1971 to fill the unexpired term of Harold Lloyd as President of the Colorado Corporation and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children.*

He was married in 1937 to the former Margaret Louise Wiggins of New Castle, Pennsylvania, and they have three children, Charles, a lawyer in Los Angeles, a daughter, Mrs. John J. Moorhouse (Carolyn) of Seymour, Texas, and another son, David, a senior at Texas Christian University. All are members of University Christian Church of which the Imperial Potentate is Past Chairman of the Board of Elders. The Thorntons have two grandchildren. Mr. Thornton's mother, Mrs. Winnie M. Thornton lives in Salt Lake City.

The Imperial Sir's hobbies are amateur movies, bridge, golf, hunting, skiing, boating, water skiing and railroad trains. He is a licensed instrument pilot and a member of A.O.P.A. He is Past President and member of Colonial Country Club of Fort Worth and Fort Worth Amateur Movie Club and a member of Shady Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth Club and Exchange Club.

*** He served until the present Chairman of the Board, P.I.P. Harvey Beffa, was elected at the 1971 Imperial Council Session in Miami Beach.**

MARGARET L. THORNTON

Margaret L. Thornton (known as Peg) was born Margaret Louise Wiggins in New Castle, Pennsylvania, where her mother still lives. She has two sisters, Mrs. E. O. Haltom of Dallas, Texas, and Mrs. S. W. Armstrong of Alexandria, Virginia. She attended school in New Castle and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Indiana State Teachers College in Indiana, Pennsylvania, with a B.S. degree in Music Education and did postgraduate work in education at the University of Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Thornton taught school in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, and served as music and drama counselor at Marble Collegiate Church Camp in the Adirondack Mountains during the summers. She was married in 1937 to C. Victor Thornton and they have three grown children, Charles, an attorney in Los Angeles, Mrs. John J. Moorhouse (Carolyn) of Seymour, Texas, and David, a senior at Texas Christian University. The Thorntons have two grandchildren. Following her marriage she taught school in Chevy Chase and Kensington, Maryland.

After moving to Fort Worth in 1945 she became active in the University Christian Church, Parent-Teachers Association, Woman's Club, and Pan American Round Table. She enjoys golf and served as President of Central Texas Women's Golf Association.

Mrs. Thornton raises African violets and enjoys traveling, playing bridge, swimming and visiting her grandchildren.